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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REF A, WHICH HELPS SUBSTANTIALLY TO CLARIFY
UNCERTAINTIES IN SINGAPORE SCHEDULE. WE ARE ON SAME WAVE LENGTH
AND HAVE ONLY FEW QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN SCHEDULE.
OUR COMMENTS FOLLOW:

A. AT ONE TIME SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME SINGAPORE JANUARY 12 HAD
BEEN SET FOR 1610 HOURS. MAY WE ASSUME IT HAS BEEN SET BACK TO
1710?

B. FOR 0900 HOURS JANUARY 13 WE HAVE SCHEDULED TWO OPTIONAL
TOURS FOR CODEL: JURONG INDUSTRIAL TOWN AND HOUSING BOARD VISIT/
BRIEFING. IF ALL CODEL MEMBERS PREFER JURONG TOWN, WE WILL CANCEL
HOUSING BOARD VISIT. SINGAPORE'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM IS WORLD
FAMOUS, HOWEVER, AND SOME MEMBERS MAY PREFER THIS VISIT TO JURONG
TOUR. PLEASE ADVISE.

C. OUR PROBLEM WITH NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR PERIOD 0900-1200 ON
JANUARY 13 IS THAT WE ARE NOT SURE WHICH CODEL MEMBERS (SOME
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OF WHOM ARE ON SEVERAL TASK FORCES) WILL BE ATTENDING NARCOTICS
TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN OTHER SCHEDULED CODEL ACTIVITIES.
WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT GOS NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS,
WHILE INTERESTING, ARE NOT REPEAT NOT OF PRIMARY POLICY
CONCERN TO USG SINCE SINGAPORE IS NEITHER PRODUCER NOR SIGNI-
FICANT SUPPLIER TO US. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE NARCOTICS
BRIEFING BY SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS 0945-1200 BUT

STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL CONGRESSMEN ATTEND 1100 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RATHER THAN NARCOTICS BRIEFING. BELIEVE IT ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT CHAIRMAN WOLFF AND RANKING REPUBLICAN BE PRESENT AT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.

D. EMBASSY NARCOTICS BRIEFING (0900-0945) AND BRIEFING BY GOS OFFICIALS (0945-1200) WILL NOT BE HELD AT MANDARIN BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS. EMBASSY BRIEFING WILL BE AT EMBASSY CONFERENCE ROOM AND GOS BRIEFING AT GOS OFFICES. THOSE PARTICIPATING IN BRIEFING WILL BE BUSSED FROM MANDARIN TO THESE MEETINGS.

E. SPACE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY PRECLUDES PARTICIPATION OF ALL CODEL STAFF PERSONNEL IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. REGRET THAT PARTICIPATION WILL HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO AGREED-UPON SENIOR STAFFERS.

F. CODEL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND WILL BE EXPECTED TO JOIN CHAIRMAN ON CALL ON PARLIAMENTARIANS 1500-1630 HOURS ON JANUARY 13. ONLY SENIOR STAFFERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THEM. SEQUENCE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: CHAIRMAN WOLFF WILL MAKE PROTOCOL CALL ON SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT AT 1515 (DEPARTING MANDARIN AT 1500). AFTER FEW MINUTES CONVERSATION, CHAIRMAN AND SPEAKER WILL THEN GREET OTHER CODEL MEMBERS, WHO WILL BE COMING IN BUS ABOUT 1525. ENTIRE GROUP WILL THEN MEET WITH MP'S AT ABOUT 1530. CHAIRMAN WOLFF DEPARTS 1630 FOR CLOSING SESSION NARCOTICS CONFERENCE, WHILE OTHERS CODEL MEMBERS ATTEND TEA HOSTED BY SPEAKER. RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MAY SEEM UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATED BUT IT IS STANDARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROTOCOL PROCEDURE HERE.

G. OPTIONAL TOUR OF SINGAPORE HARBOR STILL AVAILABLE FOR THOSE (IF ANY) WHO DO NOT WISH TO ACCOMPANY CHAIRMAN TO PARLIAMENT. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD RESCHEDULE HARBOR TOUR FOR 0900-1200 HOURS JANUARY 14 IN PLACE OF BUS TOUR OF SINGAPORE ISLAND WHICH WE INITIALLY PROPOSED FOR THOSE WITHOUT OTHER PLANS THAT MORNING.

H. MEETING ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 0900-1300 MEETINGS WITH NARCOTICS COORDINATORS AND SAIC'S JANUARY 14.

I. FOR THOSE NOT PARTICIPATING IN NARCOTICS MEETING, MORNING JANUARY 14, OPTIONS ARE (A) BRIEFINGS BY SENIOR GOS OFFICIALS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE, PARTICIPANTS TO INCLUDE HOWE YOON CHONG, SENIOR PERMANENT SECRETARY IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; (B) BUS TOUR OF ISLAND ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICER AS GUIDE OR, IF CODEL WISHES, RESCHEDULED HARBOR TOUR IN ITS PLACE. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR NAMES OF THOSE PREFERRING EACH OPTION.

2. SPOUSES PROGRAM. SPOUSES WOULD BE WELCOME ON ALL OF CODEL

FIELD TRIPS. EMBASSY IS ALSO ARRANGING WITH LOCAL AMERICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION TO MAKE AVAILABLE GUIDES/ESCORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL GROUPS INTERESTED IN SHOPPING EXCURSIONS JANUARY 13 AND MORNING JANUARY 14. DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN WELCOME KITS. PLEASE ADVISE IF CODEL WIVES WISH ANY FURTHER SCHEDULING IN SINGAPORE.

3. SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED BRIEF BIO SKETCHES ON WIVES WHO WILL BE ATTENDING PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER. REALIZE THIS IS ODD REQUEST BUT IT IS SOMETHING GOS WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE. COULD YOU OBLIGE?
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